

## FERDINAND RORER ROANOKE'S FATHER

Did More Than Any Other One  
Man to Make Roanoke  
a City.

### RECOLLECTIONS OF LONG AGO

Built and Presented Her First  
Theatre to the Growing  
City.

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ROANOKE, VA., March 31.—The death of the late Ferdinand Rorer, who had more to do with making Big Lick, a city than any other one man, has recalled many recollections of his big heartedness. As stated in a dispatch in The Times-Dispatch, he at one time owned 3,000 acres that is now closely built up in the city of Roanoke. He built a hotel here, helped to promote the establishment of a newspaper, built a theatre (the first) and equipped it with theatrical scenery, the first ever seen in Big Lick, and was foremost in calling attention to the many advantages possessed by Big Lick.

The writer was a witness to the growing town at that time, coming here with an amateur theatrical troupe from Lynchburg to open the theatre. The boys played two nights, and when they went to see Mr. Rorer about the bill were told that they owed him nothing.

He afterwards presented the hall to the city and it was the first City Hall. He also gave a lot on which the First Presbyterian Church was erected, and when the funeral took place last Sunday, the pastor, Rev. W. C. Campbell, paid a beautiful tribute to the dead. He said he felt like dropping a tear on the face of the dead, but Mr. Rorer was the first to welcome him to Roanoke, and he never knew a man with a bigger heart.

After doing so much for the city, Mr. Rorer was treated badly in a real estate deal, and with the statement that he would never return to Roanoke alive he went to Bluefield, where he remained until he went to Hot Springs, Ark., where he died.

Near the Rorer Hall, was the Trout House, which was kept by the father of Hon. H. S. Trout. Mr. Trout's hotel was noted far and wide as furnishing the best meal that could be given. He was also a big-hearted man, and never turned a hungry man from his door. He was the soul of honor, and never lacked for confidence in his fellowman. It is said of him that often when parties asked him the amount of their bill, he would say: "Pay what you think is right."

The site of the Trout House is now occupied by the Ponce de Leon Hotel, and the road that ran by the side of the inn is one of the busiest streets of the city. Hon. H. S. Trout, while in a remnant mood several weeks ago, remarked on the changed conditions since he was a boy. He said what is now Commerce Street, was the main road to the South. He had seen many times great droves of slaves pass along, some in fetters, and time and time again, cruelly treated by the slave drivers. He said one of the slaves broke the manacles and a driver took where the largest church in the city now stands.

"I want you," said the slave-driver, "to fix these irons on this nigger."

"I will see you in h-l first," was the reply of the old nigger.

The negroes were fattened up in Northern Virginia, and when spring opened marched south.

Mr. Trout says he also saw great droves of cattle, sheep, and turkeys, passing along the road, and it is difficult for him to realize what a change time has worked.

The Roanoke Clay Manufacturing Company, which was organized some time ago, now has its big plant in operation near Blue Ridge Springs. The plant has a capacity of 40,000 bricks per day. They manufacture vitrified paving, side-wall brick, and all kinds of paving bricks. Mr. E. J. DeWine, the general manager of the company, is an expert brickman, and he is very enthusiastic over the brick.

Miss Alice Fleming, the leading lady of the Ryan Stock Company, who has been ill here for three weeks, left Saturday night for Richmond to join the company. She has become quite a favorite in Roanoke, and had many callers during her illness.

### Her Get Rich Slowly Plan.

A New York woman who is the happy possessor of a \$200 bank account is telling her friends the clever new scheme of penny savings by which the amount was collected. She claims sole copyright and patent upon the idea, but is more than willing that other women should imitate to any extent.

"For more than a year," she says, "I haven't spent a penny. That isn't as penurious as it sounds, for the dimes and dollars, Y's, X's and bills of high degree have gone on disappearing as usual. It is only the little red cent that I save. I am only doing with Hottel Greenish tenacity."

"I never know exactly how much I shall save each week, but every cent found in the change in car fare, marketing or shopping, I carefully pick out and drop into a little box. I keep it for that purpose. No emergency could persuade me to break the charm and weaken my system by spending a cent. When the box is full I take it to the bank and deposit the contents to my account. Until you try you won't imagine how many cents you handle in the course of a week for that purpose. When the clerk says, 'You think nothing of laying aside a few pennies more or less while an occasional quarter or half dollar might be accompanied by quite a wrench.'—New York Press.

**Irrepressible.**

Even the office optimist was in a chastened mood. He is a man of resources, and when he is not rousing the evil passions of the staff with lengthy lectures on the art of being cheerful, he is away trying to wring a more or less honest penny out of the stock exchange. And, as we say, he was in chastened mood.

"How goes?" asked the kindly editor, who likes his cigars.

"Badly," admitted the O. O. "Every blessed thing I sold went up, and everything I bought went down. For a moment he was plunged in despair. Then he turned to the staff with a benignant smile.

"Still, gentlemen," he said, "there is a lesson to be learned, even here. It's possible to be thankful for that they couldn't go sideways."

**Business.**

Softly—You pull teeth, do you not?

Dr. Yunker—Yes, sir.

Softly—All right, I try to bring round my girl's father's dog.

**Steady.**

Manager—What have you tied those boards to your legs for?

Amateur Actor—Tied to my legs shook

## Slip Covers to Order, \$7.98

This amount is about the cost of covering an ordinary five-piece set of furniture with a linen finish material. The size of the furniture determines the price. Phone us, and we'll send a man to estimate for you.

# Miller & Rhoads

## Cash Orders by Mail

amounting to \$5.00, from any point in the Virginias or Carolinas, will be sent prepaid. Address Department P for mail orders.

## Our Annual Easter Sale in All Departments Begins To-Morrow.

# Special Display of Coats, Suits, Skirts, Waists, &c.

Our garment buyer returned from New York on Thursday, and with him, and following him, came the choicest assortment of Ready-to-Wear Outer Apparel for Women that this or any other Richmond store has ever contained.

Apart from the fact that these garments are here to be sold, we want every-

body in Richmond to look at them—we want you to see and know that the Suit and Cloak Store of Miller & Rhoads is the best in this section of the country—so to-morrow's display will not only be for the purpose of selling goods, but it's an exhibition of Richmond's progressiveness in modern storekeeping.

## Samples of Foreign Evening Coats, \$17.50 to \$37.50.

Which Are About One-Half the Import Prices.

Broadcloth, Bengaline Silks, Nuns' Veiling, and Lace Coats in White and Tan.

Two sample values in this assortment, as follows:

Eton Bolero Coat of Silk, military braid and Val lace, made over taffeta and edged all around with lace; short, full sleeves, a decided novelty, in a spring coat, and worth regularly \$37.50. Our price

**\$18.50**

Battenberg Lace Coat, full box style, made over silk; three-quarter sleeve; front, collar and cuffs trimmed with Alice blue fancy silk braid. Regular price \$45. Our price

**\$27.50**

## Stylish Tailor-Made Spring Suits.

Medium and Light Weight Panamas, Chiffon Panamas, Voiles, Serges, Broadcloths, Mixtures and Taffettas.

**\$10, \$12.98, \$13.50, \$14.50, \$16.50, \$17.50, \$23.50, \$27.50**

The choicest colorings in the newest models in Eton Suits at the above prices.

Well made and well fitting—our advice is, however, to trade early on Monday—not only that you may get the pick of these handsome Suits, but that we may have time to make any slight alterations necessary.

Loose Woven Oxford Cloth Suits, in broken checks; little pony coat with box front, satin lined, velvet collar.

Same cloth in Eton Suits, satin lined, elbow sleeves; sizes 32, 34 and 36. Special value,

**\$12.98**

**\$14.50**

**\$23.50**

**\$27.50**

Chiffon Panama Suits, light weight; Eton lined with taffeta, and trimmed with V shaped tucks of taffeta. Box plaited skirt, trimmed to match Eton. Gray, pearl, reseda and lavender.

Voile Suits, made over taffeta, shirred girdle; plaited taffeta bands around Eton; tucks over shoulders, shirred sleeve; two-inch band of lace around collar and cuffs and down the front. Gored circular skirt, with two folds.

## Silk Suits, \$25.00

Pearl Gray Chiffon taffeta, little full front; coffee jacket, with wide rosette; band of lace around collar, down front and sleeves.

## Semi Dress Evening Gowns, \$65

White net made over white silk, on train Princess style; little jacket with wide bands of light blue taffeta, with lattice work and black velvet ribbon; full sleeve trimmed with lace. One of the handsomest Gowns ever offered at \$65.

## Silk Skirts, "Sunbursts" \$15.00

Extra quality silk, in shepherd checks and large broken plaids of black and white. Bands of black velvet ribbon around the bottom. These skirts measure 6 yards around the bottom—\$15 to \$22.50.

## Rajah Silk Cloth Suits, \$55.00

Champagne Rajah Cloth, Eton style, with elbow sleeve. The front of the coat has little shirred bands, with light blue and gold silk ornaments, double box plaited

in the back with shirring and ornaments. Front and cuffs of shirred Bengaline silk, lace and silk braid, shirred girdle, circular skirt with shirred bands over the hips.

## Heatherbloom \$1.98

Best substitute for silk that has ever been gotten out. The demand for Heatherbloom is so great that it's difficult to get anywhere near the supply needed. Our buyer was fortunate last week, and secured a lot of them. All lengths. Black only. Look like silk skirts four times the price.

## Armour's 10c Soaps 5c for cake,

Cold Cream, Witch Hazel, Oat Meal and Glycerine Soap. Prostilla Cream for chapped hands, 17c bottle.

Dr. Lyons's Tooth Powder, always good, 15c.

Pond's Extract Soap; something new and good, 25c cake.

11x16 inches Pure White Velvet Chamoles, 25c each.

Bath Brushes, strap backs and adjustable handles, 50c each.

## 50c Hose Supporters, 25c

(Notion Department.)

Satin Pad Front Hose Supporters, all colors, half price.

6-inch Kid Hair Cutters, all colors, 5c dozen.

Large size Pin Cubes, bright and dull, 5c each.

Krusius's All-Steel Scissors (seconds), 15c pair.

Warren's Featherbone Collar Sets, taffeta covered, black and white, 10c set.

## Handsome Waists Ready For Easter

Jap Silk, Taffeta, Radium, Lace and Net Waists

Black, gray, white, light blue and light pink, trimmed with lace and panels of hand work.

These Waists are the very newest, things selected from models that have just been brought out. We consider them the strongest values of the season.

**\$3.50, \$4.98, \$5.98, \$7.50**

## Sample Waists About Half Price, \$3.98

Silk Crepe, Taffeta and Satin, in black, pink and light blue; short and long sleeves. Worth from \$7.50 to \$10 each.

Mostly in size 36, we secured them last week at a tremendous cut in prices.

Women that can use the size will find these Waists the greatest bargains of the season.

## New Things in the Embroidery Dep't for Easter

Thousands of yards in new patterns are now in, ready for you to-morrow—and such good values as are rarely seen.

French Embroidered Flouncings, on Batiste and Swiss, with bands to match, 80c yard.

Swiss Flouncings for dress skirts, 27 inches wide, with bands to match, \$1.10 yard.

India Linon Waist Patterns, with 1-2 inch embroidered band, for front and cuffs, 60c each.

Allover Embroidery, in Swiss and Nainsook, for yokes and waists, 75c yard.

## You Can Buy Carpets Cheap

Because we are closing out certain patterns which the mills are not now making—for instance, \$1.35 Axminster Carpets, in full room patterns, rich color tones and designs, 95c yard.

We are selling other makes and grades in the same proportion—a \$1.00 Velvet Carpet for 70c yard.

**95c**

## Long Glace Gloves.

16 Buttons. All Sizes in Black and White. No Broken or Odd Lots.

We are one of the very few houses in the South that have a complete supply, and only during the past week have we had requests from several of the biggest stores to the south of us to sell them long Gloves.

White Glace, 16 buttons, \$2.50 and \$3 pair. Black Glace, 16 buttons, \$3.00 pair.

White and Black Glace, 12 buttons, \$2.75 pair.

Our own Kid Glace Glove at \$1—the M. & R. special, and the best dollar glove made—is here in all the new shades for Easter.

Fitted and guaranteed.

\$1.50 purchases the old reliable "Fownes" Dress Kid Gloves; all the new shades, including French gray and sand, also black and white.

## Table Damask, \$1.00 Extra Value, yd.

Ten of the handsomest patterns of the best quality All Pure Linen Irish Damask we ever sold for \$1.00. Full 72 inches wide; all pretty open border designs; either by the yard or Cloths with border on all sides; Napkins to match, either breakfast or dinner size. Thistle, aster, scroll, clover, rose, tulip, carnation sprig, iris spot and fern patterns.

Damask yard ..... \$1.00

Breakfast Napkins ..... \$2.25

Dinner Napkins ..... \$3.25

## Shrunk White Linen Suits, yd. 39c

Made 36 inches wide and shrunk and finished to 34 inches wide. A beautiful fine, round thread, all pure linen; just the right finish for suiting. Special value, 80c yard.

## Special Sale Extra Heavy Sheets

This week we will sell New York Mills Sheets at special prices. New York Mills is one of the heaviest and best wearing Cottons made. These prices are very interesting to hotel and boarding-house proprietors:

68x90 Sheets, 60c each, \$0.80 doz.

72x90 Sheets, 70c each, \$8.00 doz.

81x90 Sheets, 75c each, \$8.50 doz.

90x90 Sheets, 80c each, \$9.20 doz.

Special hospital or cot size, 48x99, New York Mills, 60c each, \$6.80 dozen.

## Laces for Easter Costumes

Hundreds of styles at the lace counters in the newest laces of the season.

Half-dozen specially good items quoted for Monday's selling.

German Val. Allovers, 45 inches wide, in dotted and flowered designs, \$1.00 yard.

Batiste and Irish Crochet Allovers, with flouncings and bands to match, in eyelet and blind embroidered effects, \$1.50 yard.

Fifteen patterns in Cream and White Oriental and Point Gauze Allovers, 50c yard.

Black Chantilly Figured Nets, 45 inches wide, greatly in demand for waists and entire dresses, \$1.50 yard.

Imitation Cluny Bands and Galloons, 25c yard.

45-inch Spotted Nets, in white and cream, for waists and entire costumes. These are in great demand and are very scarce, 80c yard.

## Special Sale Longcloth, 98c, \$1.19, \$1.45, \$1.65

Piece of 12 Yards. All Under Price.

We have received our last shipment of the celebrated King Philip Long Cloth at the old prices. These we will offer this week at prices that should interest every one contemplating making up summer underwear or infants' gowns.

98c, piece of 12 yards, for a \$1.19 quality.

\$1.10, piece of 12 yards, for a \$1.40 quality.

\$1.45, piece of 12 yards, for a \$1.65 quality.

\$1.65, piece of 12 yards, for a \$1.75 quality.

## White Bed Quilts, 89c \$1.00

Quilts like these will be snapped up in a hurry. No wonder at it, when you examine them and note the values.

72x84 inches ..... 80c.

78x88 inches, extra quality, \$1.

## \$3 Pictures for \$1.59

Some of 'em really worth three times as much. New subjects, in gold-leaf burnished frames, 23x27 inches, when and 27x32 inches, special colors when Monday, \$1.59.

## Lady Cloth, Piece, \$1.50

This is probably the last lot of the popular Lady Cloth we will be able to sell at this low price, so if interested, we would advise you anticipating your wants for summer sewing—\$1.50 piece of 12 yards.